U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION REPORT

I. HEADING

Date: January 11, 1999

Subject: Meadowlands Plating and Finishing Site
East Rutherford, Bergen County, New Jersey

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II. BACKGROUND

Site No.:	L W
Delivery Order No.:	2101-02-033
Response Authority:	CERCLA
ERNS No.:	N/A
CERCLIS No.:	N/A
NPL Status:	Non-NPL
Action Memo Status:	Approved 11/19/98
Start Date:	12/8/98
Demobilization Date:	N/A
Completion Date:	N/A

III. SITE INFORMATION

A. Incident Category

CERCLA incident category: Inactive Production Facility

B. Situation

1. Site Description/ Information:

MPF, Inc. operated a metal electroplating and metal finishing facility for the tool and decorative automotive parts industry. Operations at the Site included pretreatment by acid and caustic dipping, finish stripping, vapor degreasing, and electroplating of chromium, copper, nickel and cadmium metals. Acids, metallic plating wastes and cyanide-bearing wastes were generated and treated in a small on-site facility. This resulted in tons of filter cake material being generated, some of which is still on the Site in various containers and inside equipment. MPF, Inc. leased the building and the plating equipment and ceased business operations at the Site in December 1997.

2. Response Actions to Date:

A. EPA and START performed a site investigation on 9/11/98 through 9/17/98. Access was granted to EPA by the Federal Bankruptcy Trustee on 11/18/98.

B. Full mobilization to the Site occurred between 12/8/-12/11/98.

C. From 12/14-12/18/98 Site activities included setup, debris removal and establishing command post functions. Cyanide have been overpacked and restaged away from acids. Drums from trailer have been off-loaded and staged.

D. Fencing around exterior of building as well as around interior vats has been secured. Drums from trailer have been restaged in order to create more floor space. Site has been secured and demobilization took place 12/22/98.

3. Current Situation:

Mobilization to Site after the holidays took place on 1/4/99. Drums were restaged according to hazard class. Approximately four propane gas cylinders were reclaimed by distributor and removed from Site. Chemicals from laboratory have been segregated according to hazard. Metal vats debris from roll-off was staged inside of building for decontamination. New roll-off arrived on Site for non-hazardous trash and debris.

4. Next Steps:

Continue to clean warehouse area of debris and dirt. Drums and vats will be sampled, and hazcated. Once hazcating has been completed, disposal will be coordinated.

5. Key Issues:

PRP search activities, Removal of gas cylinders and Cyanide powder drums.

6. Disposition of Wastes:

See attached Disposition of Waste Table

IV. COST INFORMATION

	Current Ceiling	Current Action Cost	Current Amount Remaining
ERCS Contractor	$500,000	$163,758.63	$248,765.42
START	$40,000	-	-
USCG	$130,000	-	-
EPA	$65,000	-	-

The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for recovery.

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Meadowlands Plating and Finishing Facility, East Rutherford, NJ
Disposition of Wastes Table

Load No.	Date	Manifest #	Waste Stream	Quantity	Total Quan.	Wt. Unit	Transporter	Designated Facility	Treatment
1	01/01/99	N/A	Propane	4 Cylinders	100	lbs.	AGL Welding Supply	AGL Welding Supply, Clifton, NJ	Recycle